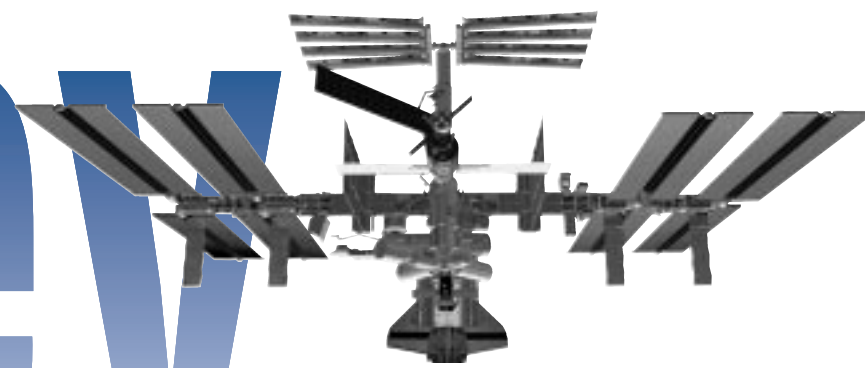


# Abbey



NASA JSC S80-30853  
Abbey talks with John Young as he exits *Columbia* after STS-1 returns.

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*I started work in July 1978. My first assignment was as GNC controller for the Skylab re-entry, but I remember that my first yellow phone message from Mr. Abbey was to tell me the time and place of the next softball game for the FOD team. I played first base, and Mr. Abbey was the coach. He has continued to be “coach” for the last 23 years from astronaut to headquarters assignments to my current position. He has an unparalleled grasp of both the details and the big picture, with a coherent vision of the future of human spaceflight...*

— Bonnie Dunbar, Assistant Director, University Research and Affairs



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*Having worked with, and for, George since he arrived at the MSC (now JSC) I know that his main objective is to champion the human exploration of space in the safest possible manner. To do human space exploration right, George is willing to listen to, and to fix, all the details and issues.*

— Captain John Young  
JSC Associate Director (Technical)



NASA JSC S84-26252  
George Abbey, Director of Flight Crew Operations leaves Ellington Air Force Base by T-38 aircraft for Kennedy Space Center and the STS-11 mission on February 1, 1984.

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*Mr. Abbey's expectations were always extremely high, and people consistently strived to meet that level. He has forever left his mark on spaceflight and his legacy will be long remembered.*

— Ron Dittmore  
Space Shuttle Program Manager



NASA JSC S98-02887

JSC Director George Abbey joined Clear Creek Independent School District trustees in breaking ground for the new intermediate school on the grounds of JSC. From left are Dr. John Wilson, George Abbey, Sophia LeCour, Board of Trustees president and trustees Ralph Parr and Richard Labrecque.

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*Mr. Abbey was always very clear that the space program belongs to all of America, and to build a stronger, more robust space program, we needed to move outside the gates. We should go out and engage the community.*

— Greg Hayes, Human Resources



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Employees and guests enjoy the year 2000 Open House.

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*The partnership programs between the Clear Creek Independent School District and NASA Johnson Space Center have been very beneficial for students in our community. We appreciate the leadership and vision of George Abbey in making possible these valuable educational opportunities.*

—Dr. John E. Wilson, Clear Creek ISD  
Superintendent of Schools



Astronauts C. Michael Foale, left, and Claude Nicollier (on *Discovery's* robotic arm) install a Fine Guidance Sensor (FGS) into a protective enclosure in the Shuttle's payload bay. Foale and Nicollier performed the second of three space walks to service the Hubble Space Telescope (HST) on the STS-103 mission. A large format camera inside *Discovery's* cabin was used to record this high-resolution image, while the Shuttle was orbiting above ocean and clouds.

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